

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to H.R. 1646, Foreign Relations Authorization Act.

The House passed H.J. Res. 111, Making Continuing Appropriations.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2215, Department of Justice Authorization.

The House passed H.R. 4600, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low Cost, Timely Healthcare Act.

House Committee ordered reported the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2003.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3007–3014, S.J. Res. 45, and S. Con. Res. 148. **Pages S9425–26**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2595, to direct the Secretary of the Army to convey a parcel of land to Chatham County, Georgia.

H.R. 4044, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland and the State of Louisiana for implementation of a program to eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

H.R. 4727, to reauthorize the national dam safety program. **Pages S9425**

Measures Passed:

Technical Corrections: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 483, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1646. **Pages S9401–04**

Veterans' and Survivors Benefits Expansion Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4085, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2002, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled

veterans, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 4837, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9550**

Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 2237, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and improve authorities relating to compensation and pension benefits, education benefits, housing benefits, and other benefits for veterans, and to improve the administration of benefits for veterans, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9550–59**

Reid (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 4838, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9554**

Homeland Security Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9371–S9401, S9404–12**

Gramm/Miller Amendment No. 4738 (to Amendment No. 4471), of a perfecting nature, to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States.

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Nelson (NE.) Amendment No. 4740 (to Amendment No. 4738, to modify certain personnel provisions. **Page S9371**

Daschle motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Governmental Affairs and that it be reported back forthwith with the pending Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, listed above, as amended.

Daschle Amendment No. 4742 (to the instructions of the motion to commit H.R. 5005 to the Committee on Governmental Affairs), of a perfecting nature, to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States.

Daschle Amendment No. 4743 (to Amendment No. 4742), to modify certain personnel provisions.

Daschle motion to reconsider the vote (Vote No. 227) by which cloture was not invoked on Gramm/Miller Amendment No. 4738 (to Amendment No. 4471), listed above.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following actions:

By unanimous-consent, Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the Daschle motion to reconsider the vote (Vote No. 225) by which cloture was not invoked on Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, listed above, and the motion to reconsider was then agreed to.

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By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 226), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate, upon reconsideration, failed to approve the motion to close further debate on Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, listed above.

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By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to approve the motion to close further debate on Gramm/Miller Amendment No. 4738 (to Amendment No. 4471), listed above.

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A second motion was entered to close further debate on Gramm/Miller Amendment No. 4738 (to Amendment No. 4471), listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Monday, September 30, 2002.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2 p.m., on Monday, September 30, 2002.

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Foreign Relations Authorization Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1646, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, clearing the measure for the President.

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Continuing Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives from the House H.J. Res. 111, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, the resolution be read three times and passed.

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Intelligence Authorization—Additional Conferees: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the following additional conferees to H.R. 4628, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System: from the Committee on Armed Services—Senators Reed and Warner.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michelle Guillermin, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.

Glenn Bernard Anderson, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2002.

Glenn Bernard Anderson, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2005. (Reappointment)

Milton Aponte, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2003.

Barbara Gillcrist, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2002.

Barbara Gillcrist, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2005. (Reappointment)

Graham Hill, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2002.

Graham Hill, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2005. (Reappointment)

Marco A. Rodriguez, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2002.

Marco A. Rodriguez, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2005. (Reappointment)

David Wenzel, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2004.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—227) Pages S9401, S9408

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 7:34 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, September 30, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9559).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 606, to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2928, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to modify provisions relating to the Lake Champlain basin; with amendments.

H.R. 1070, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out projects and conduct research for remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern in the Great Lakes; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 3908, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act; with amendments.

H.R. 4807, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge; with amendments.

S. 2983, to authorize a project for navigation, Chickamauga Lock and Dam, Tennessee; with an amendment.

S. 2847, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes; with amendments.

S. 2897, to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries; with amendments.

H.R. 4044, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland and the State of Louisiana for implementation of a

program to eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria;

S. 2065, to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribes and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation;

S. 2975, to authorize the project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, Morganza, Louisiana, to the Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi River and Tributaries;

S. 2978, to modify the project for flood control, Little Calumet River, Indiana;

S. 2984, to authorize a project for environmental restoration at Smith Island, Maryland;

S. 2999, to authorize the project for environmental restoration, Pine Flat Dam, Fresno County, California;

H.R. 2595, to direct the Secretary of the Army to convey a parcel of land to Chatham County, Georgia;

H.R. 4727, to reauthorize the national dam safety program;

S. 2715, to provide an additional extension of the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001;

S. 2730, to modify certain water resources projects for the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers, Georgia, Florida and Alabama; and

S. 2332, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building And United States Courthouse"; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

U.S.-IRAQ POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine U.S. policy on Iraq, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State; and Madeleine K. Albright, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, Washington, D.C., and Henry A. Kissinger, Kissinger Associates, Inc., New York, New York, both former Secretaries of State.

INTERNET EDUCATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the benefits and challenges of web-based education, growth in distance education programs and implications for federal education policy, and exploring the benefits and challenges of web-based education, after receiving testimony from Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues,